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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON DUBAI OIL WELL BLOWOUT

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1. DUBAI PETROLEUM CORP (DPC) SOURCES STATE, WHILE FIRE STILL BURNING AT WELL WHICH SUFFERED BLOWOUT (REFTEL), THREE RIGS NOW IN PLACE, ONE RELIEF HOLE UNDERWAY WITH TWO MORE TO FOLLOW. COMPANY HOPES TO BE ABLE KILL FIRE WITHIN WEEK TO TEN DAYS. DPC PLEASED THAT, WHILE RIG PLATFORM IS TOTAL LOSS (NOT SURPRISINGLY HAVING COLLAPSED DUE TO INTENSE HEAT), OTHER TWO WELL HEADS IN THIS EXPLORATION EFFORT ARE HOLDING AND THAT PORTION OF EFFORT THEREFORE RETRIEVABLE.

2. DPC ALSO OBVIOUSLY PLEASED AT LIMITED EFFECT WHICH ACCIDENT HAD ON PRODUCTION. AFTER SIX-DAY CLOSE DOWN (REFTEL), IT TOOK ONLY FOUR DAYS TO GET PRODUCTION BACK UP TO PREVIOUS LEVELS IN 280,000 BPD RANGE. COMPANY EXPERTS OPINE THAT WATER FLOOD AND GAS INJECTION EFFORTS OF PAST SIX MONTHS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO EASE WITH WHICH PRODUCTION RESTORED, THIS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO SITUATION WHICH

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